

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** GB Community Board  
**FROM:** Service Centres Manager  
**REFERENCE:** E855  
**DATE:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007  
**SUBJECT:** March 2007 Report

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## MATTERS SINCE LAST MEETING

### Rototai Dump Options

Since last meeting I have discussed the interesting initiative put forward by Mr Percival to Council's Engineering staff. It does however appear that the cost of transferring the material to Eves Valley alone would be prohibitive. I understand Mr Percival is to address the Board further on the matter.

### Takaka Library

The initiative put forward for a model at the library of the proposed new library was discussed with Council's Property Manager; Jim Frater advised that a more suitable alternative would be a 3D programme which could be set up to show viewers an animated concept of how the library would look when built. I have asked Mr Frater to pursue this matter further with the Takaka Library staff.

### Community Board Best Practice Awards

I have been in contact with one of the organisers of this event and there is no further information at this time. The advice given was that further information will be available on the website and I will keep a watchful eye prior to the Board's meeting.

Please note that the date for entries closes on the 5<sup>th</sup> April which does mean that the Board will need to get its entry completed prior to the April Board meeting.

### Energy Descent Planning

I have attached email correspondence from Jennifer Gray, who is the founder of Transition Penwith in Cornwall, England. Jennifer provided a very positive response to my email contact request. However, I would not encourage her to come over for a visit given the principle of avoiding carbon expenditures!

Although I could not attend the Peak Oil meeting in Takaka on 27<sup>th</sup> February, I discussed the meeting content with the Board Chair, who did attend the meeting.

It certainly would appear that for a successful energy descent plan to be achieved, we need a fully focussed coordination team or person who can ensure that all the various environmental groups currently operating in the Bay can be galvanised together to form what would be an holistic approach to this vital issue.

Perhaps the Board would like to request the Environmental & Planning department to check out whether any funding might be available to facilitate coordination of a transition planning process.

### **Event Alert Signs**

The matter of organisations and / or commercial companies wishing to provide warning signs during events which was raised at the last meeting has been followed up. Whilst 'Event' warning signs are available for hire from Fulton Hogan in Nelson, it is also required that a traffic management approval is obtained from the relevant roading authority, which in the case of the state highway is of course Transit NZ.

### **Compassionate Communication**

The non-violent communication seminar was attended on 6<sup>th</sup> March by both myself and Board members. The session was extremely interesting and I gained a lot of valuable information that I am sure will be found most useful, not only for work purposes but also for all other occasions.

### **New Development in Commercial Street**

Probably everybody now has had a chance to admire the new landscaping feature adjacent to the redevelopment of the old supermarket site. When I first saw this I thought it was an extremely appropriate type of landscaping for the area and had a "Golden Bay" feel to it. With the development of the new library perhaps this development might create opportunities for landscape linkages where possible to enhance the access to the hinterland of Commercial Street.

### **Recommendation:**

**"That the Service Centres Manager's report for March be received."**

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